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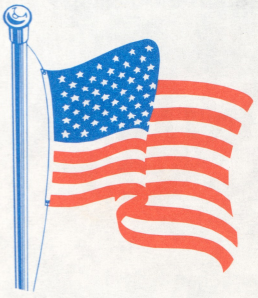

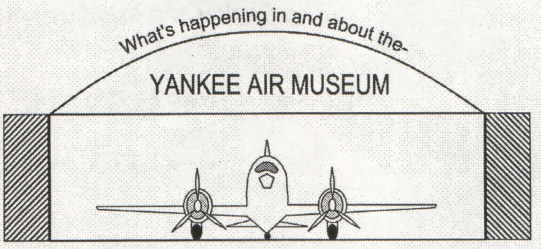

Hangar Happenin's

SHOW UP AND SHINE !

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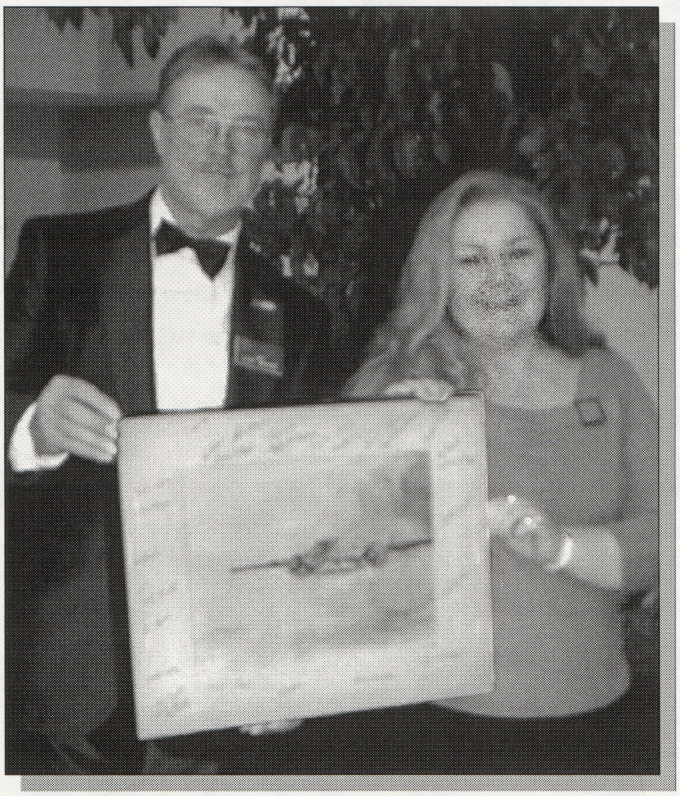

Lew Major, Jr. was high bidder on the B-25 watercolor by aviation artist **Linda Terentiak** at our ***Hearts to Yankee*** dinner-dance-auction in February. *More photos inside on pages 12-13.*

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General Membership
1st Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
All Members & Guests Welcome

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Everyone Welcome

Board Meeting
3rd Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
All Members Welcome

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4th Saturday of Month - 10:30 AM
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YANKEE AIR FORCE BYLAWS ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

The YAF is organized exclusively to obtain, restore, preserve and operate historic and vintage aircraft, related components for historical research and public educational purposes, and to establish a museum to facilitate the public display and exhibition of such items.

PAST DATES OF INTEREST

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4 April 1944	**20th Air Force** activated
6 April 1972	***Operation Linebacker*** began
8 April 1943	**P-47**s first flown in combat over Europe
10 April 1942	***Bataan Death March*** began
10 April 1994	USAF F-16s make first NATO air attacks in **Bosnian conflict**
11 April 1991	Persian **Gulf War** Cease Fire
12 April 1961	First manned **space flight**
12 April 1966	Strategic Air Command **B-52**s bomb North Vietnam
13 April 1945	All **B-17 production ended**
15 April 1986	USAF **F-111**s strike Libya
16 April 1949	**Berlin Airlift** record: 12,940 tons in 24 hours
18 April 1942	**Doolittle Raid** on Tokyo: 16 **B-25**s fly from Deck of the USS Hornet
18 April 1944	**Ford Willow Run** begins **B-24**J model production
28 April 1942	American Volunteer Group ***Flying Tigers*** down 22 Japanese aircraft
29 April 1938	First flight of the Y1**B-17**A
30 April 1975	**Vietnam War** ends

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Winner of our **March** 50/50 drawing was
JAMES MALZONE
donating winnings to Hangar Maintenance.

BOB CAMPBELL
was the winner of an inspirational book
THE POWER OF A PRAYING NATION.

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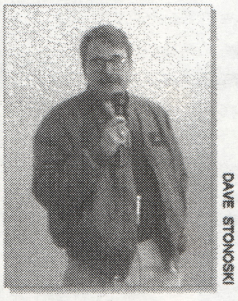
HAVE ANY NEWS FOR OUR MAY ISSUE ?
PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR TEXT AND PHOTOS
WELL BEFORE FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH.

The Hangar 2 Report

by ***Jon Stevens*** *L 4172 WR*


DAVE STONOSKI

AS TIME GOES BY

Three of the most important tasks of a museum are raising **funds**, raising **membership** levels, and having enough varied **events** to keep members and the public (as well as their dollars!) coming in for more.

As time goes by, we're continually working on all three. I'd like to share some updates on all of these with you.

Last month, I talked about some of the upcoming events we've planned, including *Our Hearts Go Out to Yankee* dinner-dance and auction event, which took place on February 19th. That evening we auctioned off approximately 125 items and raised over $20,000. As part of the live auction, we also took in pledges for an additional $3,000 toward our educational programs.

This event was such a success, we're going to make it an annual event. Chaired this year by **Debbie Stewart**, co-chaired by **Casey Hines**, **Gayle Roberts**, and **Jane Spires**, with assists from committee members **Don Brackett**, **Mike Cox**, **Paula Fields**, **Trudy Nollar**, **Dave Steiner** and **Bette Watson**, each put in a lot of work. Our thanks and hearts go out to them!

While an income figure of $20-$25 thousand may seem small, especially compared to the $2-$3 million we need for our next hangar, every little bit helps.

Our events have a way of growing over time. When what is now called *Thunder Over Michigan* started in 1999, we only had a handful of airplanes visiting, and not many more attendees. In half a decade, *Thunder* has grown to well over 10,000 in attendance and a six-figure budget. There's no reason why *Hearts* can't see similar growth.

As we finally leave this winter's doldrums, several events for spring are coming up.

April is our annual membership drive month, making this a continuous event. As you'll recall from last year, our Marketing Department gave away some nice prizes to current members who brought in one or more new members. Here's a great opportunity to bring in that friend, neighbor, or co-worker who's always talked about joining. Bring them on board and get something back for your efforts. One way to do this is by getting them to attend one of our April events.

On Saturday April 2nd we offer two events, one old, and one that's new.

During the day our Annual Polishing Party will be at our current home in Hangar 2 on the southwest corner of Willow Run Airport. This has turned into an event that brings a lot of members out of hibernation, and for some it may be the only day of the year they come out. In years past, we've had as many as 200 helpers shining up our flyable aircraft. Let's set the record again this year! Pick up some MOTHERS® MAG & ALUMINUM POLISH, grab some old, clean rags, bring that friend you want to join, and come on out! For directions, you can either phone our information desk **(734) 483-4030** or check **www.yankeeairmuseum.org**.

That evening is a folk, blues and comedy benefit concert at *The Village Theater at Cherry Hill* located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road at Ridge Road North in Canton, Michigan. Several local talents are donating their time that evening for us. Those currently scheduled include Ron Coden, Charlie Latimer, Bob Posch, and Josh White, Jr. While there may be some last-minute changes of entertainers to appear, the event itself should be another great **Bob Hynes** production. Tickets are $50 and can still be ordered by phone at (734) 394-5460.

The next Saturday evening April 9th you can join us at *Yankee's Italian Bistro Café* for a yummissimo spaghetti dinner at the UAW Local 735 Hall, 48055 Michigan Avenue in Canton, between Beck and Denton Roads on the south side of Michigan Avenue. Longtime Yankee members will remember this as the site of our past *Sweet-17* Dances.

While from the outside events like our spaghetti dinner seem relatively simple (although **Jane Spires** knows better), they are crucial to us right now. By supporting our events, you help us rebuild, and you are very much appreciated.

I want to acknowledge the passing of a man who was a friend of mine, and to our Museum as well. **Earl Meredith** was the past Chairman of our Florida Division, whose term ended the end of last year. During his tenure, he had to contend with the internal politics of a young division trying to get onto its feet, working with the public to grow their interest in the organization, and deal at the same time with what turned out to be terminal cancer. We spent a lot of time together on the phone and swapped many an e-mail between us. While he wasn't always successful in his efforts, I know that he did a great job trying to balance them out. He will truly be missed. Godspeed, my friend.

On a closing note, I'd like to share some thoughts on a very recent event that both amazes and amuses me. Having been born in the mid-1950s, I've often thought that virtually all of the great aviation records had been set before I was born, and that most anything likely to happen in my lifetime would be a few records that were increased only by small percentages.

Like a lot of people, I was intrigued by the recent non-stop solo flight around the world by Steve Fossett. Taking off in the GlobalFlyer from an airport in Kansas the night of February 28th and landing right back there 67 hours later (CONTINUED PAGE 14)

As always, if you've got anything you'd like to discuss, please feel free to call me
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UNTIL NEXT MONTH, LET'S KEEP TALKING, AND KEEPING 'EM FLYING!

BOARD REPORT

23 February 2005
by **Dave Steiner**
edited by **Dick Stewart**

All Yankee members are welcome at our monthly Board meetings. Please arrive on time, help yourself to a copy of the agenda, take notes and show your appreciation of our officers and directors at work. Members' comments are always heard before adjourning.

AGENDA

Call to Order 7:30 PM
Pledge of Allegiance
Statement of Purpose
Roll Call
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes: 19 January 2005
Election of Corporate Secretary
2005 Committee Assignments
Vietnam Event Budget Proposal
Air Display Budget Proposal
Fire Recovery Grant Request Authorization
Long-Range Planning Committee Discussion
President's Report
Michigan Aerospace Foundation Report
Divisional Liaison Reports
Vice President's Report
Secretary's Report
Treasurer's Report
Board Members' Comments
All Members' Comments
Adjournment

Corporate Secretary

Mary Jane Medlock was re-elected by ballot vote and sworn in as Yankee Air Museum's Corporate Secretary.

Committee assignments

Committee assignments were made by the President and Vice President:
Executive Committee - **Bill Hanney**
Bylaws Committee - **Bill Hanney, John Day, Don Speyer, Ray Hunter**
Finance Committee - **Bill Colwell, Ted Drews, Jason Lindauer, Les Klima**
Elections Committee - **Al. Scotford**
Membership Committee - **Kim Wahtera**

Long-Range Planning Committee

Randy Hotton, LRPC chair, presented a document outlining the direction in which the LRPC wishes to steer the Museum activities, namely an events and educationally driven organization in conjunction with our statement of Purposes from Article II of our Bylaws. The Board was asked to discuss and reaffirm the Long-Range Planning Committee's "vision" in a non-binding vote, which it did. LRPC asked for this vote so it could be sure it was proceeding along a path in harmony with Board policy and directives.

The long-term survival of the Museum requires support from our members, and events are deemed one of the best ways to encourage, expand and continue membership in Yankee Air Museum. The loss of the Hangar has required scaling back our events, but such activities are important to conduct to let the public and our members know that Yankee Air Museum will continue its mission and be an active part of the aviation sector and the community in general as well.

Grant authorization request for fire recovery expenses

Bill Colwell asked and was granted permission to apply to the *Michigan Aerospace Foundation* on the behalf of Yankee Air Museum for funds for fire recovery expenses. *MAF* must have a formal grant request in order to disperse funds they have received, even if those funds are earmarked for Yankee Air Museum recovery efforts. This first grant request will be for approximately $45,000.

Vietnam event budget

After some discussion, the Board approved a budget of $24,000 for the Vietnam moving Wall display the first weekend in June. Admission to the Wall is required to be free, but this budget also includes the cost and the anticipated revenue of conducting a Vietnam symposium with guest speaker Brigadier General Robin Olds on Saturday evening June 4th.

Air Display 2005 budget increase

The discussion held with regard to a budget increase of $30,000 for our Air Display 2005 resulted in the Board approving the increase, making the budget approximately $150,000 with a projected net income of about $71,000. Air Display budgets the past several years have been more than $200,000 so this represents a downscaled effort. Even with that, there will be a significant display of aircraft.

While Yankee will be paying for fewer aircraft to keep expenses down, there are a number of pilots who have enjoyed this event so much in the past that they will be flying their aircraft in at their own expense to show support for the Yankee Air Museum, so this year's air display will appear similar in scale to what it has been in the past.

President /Vice President reports

President **Jon Stevens and** Volunteer Coordinator **Don Brackett** will be in Seattle, Washington March 19th-22nd to represent Yankee Air Museum at the *Mutual Concerns of Air and Space Museums Seminar.* We have heard from the National Museum of the United States Air Force in regard to their loaned property lost in the fire. They have asked that YAM escrow $133,000 for the loss of their F-105 and display engines pending further discussions. The Willow Run Airport Authority has asked Yankee Air Museum to provide a member to their *Technical Airport Advisory Committee*. They value our input.

Vice President **Dick Stewart** reported that Yankee has been authorized to occupy a 10' x 10' room for storage of retail items and to use the lobby/entrance area in Hangar 2 for a scaled-down retail shop. Security will be allowed to use a small secure room directly off the lobby for its operations.

Michigan Aerospace Foundation

Dennis Norton displayed several master plan concepts for our new museum "campus" area. These are subject to the Airport Authority's approval. With that approval, he feels the architects hired by *MAF* are only 2-3 weeks away from having a completed master plan.

Treasurer's report

$105,000 was taken in for January, and there were expenses of about $75,000. We were fortunate to come out in the black. The winter months are normally lean on the revenue side, so we continue to exercise restraint with regard to expenditures. Revenues will start increasing in May.

*Apologies from **Mary Ann Bittner** for the incorrect year on last month's Board Report. It should have been **2005**.*

Display Aircraft Series

The McDONNELL NF-101B "VOODOO"

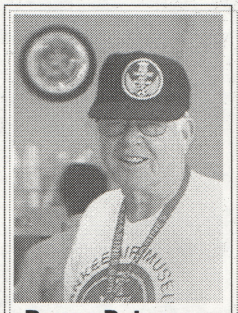
by
Roger Peterson

TYPE HISTORY

The concept for what became the Voodoo was based on the idea of a long range fighter to serve as an escort for the bombers of the Strategic Air Command. The prototype XF-88 Voodoo flew on 20 October 1948. However, subsequent decisions resulted in design changes to make the Voodoo into a tactical attack fighter under the designation of F-101. The first F-101 flew on 29 September 1954 with service deliveries of production F-101s beginning in May, 1957. F-101As were configured as attack machines. The F-101B variant, which was the most numerous of all models built, was adapted for the interceptor role by giving up some internal fuel tanks and adding MG-13 radar fire control and a radar intercept operator. After 50 A models were made, an improved attack version was produced as the C model. Over the years, aircraft in service were modified and upgraded. Versions included reconnaissance (RF) and dual control trainers (TF). The final versions were the F-101G and H models. The last Voodoo produced was an F-101B in March 1961. F-101s served with the United States Air Force, Air National Guard and the Canadian Armed Forces.

SPECIFICATIONS (F-101B)

Type: All Weather Interceptor
Maker: McDonnell Aircraft Corporation
Span: 39' 8"
Length: 67' 5"
Height: 18'
Weight:
Maximum:
46,700 lbs (normal)
51,000 lbs (overload)
Empty:
28,000 lbs
Powerplant:
Two Pratt & Whitney J-57-53 or -55 turbojets, 10,000 lbs thrust (14,990 lbs with afterburner)
Performance:
Maximum Speed:
1,220 mph (Mach 1.85)
Cruise Speed:
750 mph
Service Ceiling: 52,000'
Range: 1,550 miles (internal fuel only)
Armament:
Three M-39 20mm cannon (four if TACAN removed) in fuselage
Payload:
Up to three AIM-4D air-to-air missiles, two AIR-2A Genie nuclear rockets
Crew: 2
Number Manufactured:
F-101A: 50
F-101B: 478
F-101C: 47


DAVE STONOSKI
Roger Peterson

SERVICE HISTORY

Our example was manufactured by McDonnell Aircraft Company, Saint Louis, Missouri on 9 September 1957. It was delivered to the United States Air Force as F-101B, Serial Number 56-0235. Its service history was as follows:

Sep '57	Modified to JF-101B and retained at Saint Louis for testing.
Jul '60	To Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (AFB), Ohio for use as a test aircraft.
May '65	To Air Proving Ground, Eglin AFB, Florida.
Aug '65	Returned to Wright-Patterson AFB.
Feb '68	To Ogden Air Material Area, Hill AFB, Utah and modified to NF-101B.
Mar '68	Returned to Wright-Patterson AFB.
May '70	Dropped from the USAF inventory.
Jul '83	Trucked to the YAF Willow Run Division

The Voodoo is on loan from the National Museum of the USAF, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton Ohio. It remains in the NF-101B configuration meaning that it was used as a test aircraft for ejection seats. If you look at the aircraft you will see a projection on the left side by the rear cockpit which carried a movie camera to take films of an ejection seat carrying a dummy being shot out of the rear cockpit in various configurations to test different concepts.

Today the F-101 Voodoo is with us in Hangar 2 for restoration work under the direction of Static Restoration Crew Chief **Dick Rice.**

PHOTO 5 Mar 05 BY DAVE STONOSKI

The F-101B Voodoo from our air park is now with us in Hangar 2 for restoration work.

2005 YANKEE AIR FORCE AIRSHOW SCHEDULE

as of March 4, 2005

		C-47?	May 19	YAF member trip-EAA AirVenture Museum		Oshkosh, WI
		C-47!	May 20-22	Selfridge ANGB Airshow	BA	Mt Clemens, MI
B-17!			May 27-30	American Airpower Museum dsply-FLEX		Farmingdale,NY
	B-25!	C-47!	**May 30**	YAF **Memorial Day** Open House		Willow Run, MI
	B-25!	C-47!	May 30	Dearborn Mem. Day Parade Flyby 10:00		Dearborn, MI
B-17!			May 31-02	Mid Atlantic Air Museum dsply -FLEX		Reading, PA
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Jun 03-05	WWII Commemorative Weekend -FLEX		Reading, PA
		C-47?	Jun 07	YAF member trip to USAF Museum		Springfield,OH
	B-25!		Jun 11-12	Airport Open House/Static dsp -FLEX		Indiana, PA
		C-47?	Jun 14	YAF member trip-EAA AirVenture Museum		Oshkosh, WI
B-17!		C-47!	Jun 17-19	MAPS Aero Expo 2005 -FLEX		Akron, OH(AKR)
	B-25!		Jun 18	airport open house/static dspl-FLEX		Sidney, OH
	B-25!		Jun 19	Michigan Int'l Speedway Flyby-NASCAR		Brooklyn, MI
		C-47?	Jun 21	YAF member trip to USAF Museum		Springfield,OH
	B-25!		Jun 24-26	Airport Open House/Static dsp -FLEX		Jamestown, NY
B-17!			Jun 25-26	EAA 582 Plane Fun Fly-In (1G0)-FLEX		Bowling Grn,OH
		C-47?	Jun 25	YAF member trip to USAF Museum		Springfield,OH
		C-47?	Jun 26	YAF member trip to USAF Museum		Springfield,OH
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Jly 08-10	U.S. Aviation Mus Airshow(LNN)-FLEX		Willoughby,OH
		C-47?	Jly 12	YAF member trip to Wings of Eagles		Elmira, NY
		C-47?	Jly 19	YAF member trip to USAF Museum		Springfield,OH
	B-25!		Jly 20-24	aircraft static display -FLEX		Charlevoix, MI
B-17!			Jly 22-25	Air Expo 2005 - Wings / North -FLEX		EdenPrairie,MN
		C-47?	Jly 26	YAF member trip to Mackinac Island		Mackinac, MI
		C-47?	Aug 02	YAF member trip to USAF Museum		Springfield,OH
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Aug 06-07	"Thunder Over Michigan" Airshow-FLEX		Willow Run, MI
B-17!			Aug 13	Wurtsmith Div Static Display -FLEX		Oscoda, MI
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Aug 14	Pontiac Airport Open House -FLEX		Waterford, MI
		C-47?	Aug 16-17	YAF member trip to NASM Museums		Dulles, VA
B-17!		C-47!	Aug 19-21	EAA Chapter 55 Static Display -FLEX		Mason, MI
		C-47?	Aug 23	YAF member trip to USAF Museum		Springfield,OH
B-17!			Aug 26-28	Indianapolis Airshow 2005	BA	Mt Comfort, IN
		C-47?	Aug 30	member trip to Tri-State Warbird Mus		Batavia, OH
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Sep 02-05	Cleveland National Airshow	TB	Cleveland, OH
B-17!			Sep 09-11	Airport Static display - (VNW)-FLEX		Van Wert, OH
		C-47?	Sep 13	YAF member trip to Mackinac Island		Mackinac, MI
		C-47?	Sep 20	YAF member trip to USAF Museum		Springfield,OH
	B-25!		Oct 8, 9	YAF Members only	**Fall Color Tours**	
	B-25!		Oct 15,16	YAF Members only	**Fall Color Tours**	
	B-25!		Oct 22,23	YAF Members only	**Fall Color Tours**	

! = Confirmed **?** = Undetermined **FLEX** = Flight Experiences **BA** = US Navy *Blue Angels* **TB** = US Air Force *Thunderbirds*

To participate as part of the crew at an airshow is a privilege, not an entitlement of Yankee Air Museum membership. There are only so many aircraft seats available depending on the number required for a crew. Crew members are chosen for the good of Yankee Air Museum and for the particular aircraft scheduled. Obviously, not everyone can go at the same time. ***2005 Airshow Crew Sign-Up Request*** forms are available in the Yankee office at Hangar 2. Please do not request an airshow not yet confirmed (**!** = Confirmed, as indicated in the latest schedule above). Your completed request form must be returned to **Dale Worcester**, **Airshow Aircrew Coordinator**.

Calendars help Yankee Air Museum

After the fire last fall, we were given a generous supply of 2005 calendars published by *Bomber Legends* Magazine to sell, all proceeds for our benefit. We still have a few! Each calendar has a color cover with black-and-white photos inside. Every month features one or more very interesting photographs with descriptions and information on historic events for the month.

Cost: **$10 each** or **2 for $15**

Specify B-17 or **B-24** calendar, or both, or two of each!

Send your check to:

Legends Calendar
Yankee Air Museum
P O Box 590
Belleville MI 48112-0590

ONE GREAT MEMBER ... One day 9 or 10 years ago, I was in the hangar working on *Yankee Lady's* #2 engine. I saw a fellow standing by the nose of the B-17 looking up at the left side window, I stepped down and introduced myself. He told me his name was **George Polla** and said he was a B-17 navigator in World War II. He asked me what we needed for the B-17. I told him we had just put in a new instrument panel and radios but still could not afford to buy a GPS which cost about $4,000. A couple of weeks later he came back and gave me a check for $4,000. We walked over to the Membership office and he bought a Life Membership. He also wrote another check for a very generous donation. In our conversation, I also mentioned that **Bill Rodgers** and I were going to Los Angeles to purchase a B-17 ball turret that was available to bring home and restore for the aircraft. He asked that we call him when we got back and let him know how we make out. Bill did call him and George asked what it had cost. A few days later he sent a check to cover another very expensive purchase. Just last week I sent him an invitation to our February 19th dinner-dance-auction. He bought 2 tables for 16 people and also sent another check for our Fire Recovery Fund. All he asked is that the tabled be dedicated ***In Memory of the 379th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force*** courtesy of **George Polla**. Thank you, George. You are indeed one great member.

Norm Ellickson

In Memory Of...

RICHARD MAYBEE
of Detroit, Michigan
Senior Life Member #5525 WR

RC Flyers to hold "fly-in" to benefit Yankee Air Museum

All Metro Detroit radio-controlled aircraft clubs will be holding a fly-in on Memorial Day Monday May 30th with all pros and donations going to Yankee Air Museum. Site of the RC fly-in is on Ridge Road about 1/4 mile north of Geddes Road, northeast of Ypsilanti, due north of Willow Run Airport. For more information please call **Dick Gallagher** (734) 748-4330.

Hangar history appears in *Michigan History* Magazine

The March/April 2005 issue of *Michigan History* Magazine features an article about the World War II air base at Willow Run. *They Kept 'Em Flying,* written by Yankee member **Barbara Shafer**, describes the B-24 mechanics school conducted in our old Hangar, and includes some great images of the old place and information about the historic site.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS who joined in February 2005 !

Elizabeth J. Greve	Florida Division
Phillip R. Boham	Willow Run Division
Adam Bomar	
Rick Durden	
George N. Green	
Lewis C. Major III	
Eliezer Monge	
Robert J. Rowe	
Benjamin Sebastian	
Cynthia J. Six	
Richard W. Six	
Shelly Smyth	
Wayne Vanzomeren	

Time to make your **AIR GOONEY 2005** reservations! Fly away in our classic **C-47 SKYTRAIN** troop transport!

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Member excursions in our C-47 *Yankee Doodle Dandy* begin early this year with a special pre-season flight, destination: Wittman Field in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, doing what the Gooney Bird does best — haul cargo! We'll be picking up some parts for our aircraft from *Basler Aviation.* Weight of the cargo will restrict the flight to ten passengers and crew versus the normal twelve plus crew of three. Paying passengers will have a leisurely visit to the EAA Museum while the crew loads our aircraft parts.

One form per trip, please!
Complete, clip and mail to

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM
C-47 DAY TRIP
P O BOX 590
BELLEVILLE MI 48112-0590

The popularity of trips to the *National Museum of the United States Air Force* has our USAF C-47 returning to Dayton eight times this year, including two weekend flights. They fill up fast, so get your reservation in soon!

At least **ten seats must be sold three weeks prior to a flight** or it will be cancelled.
Allow ten days when mailing a personal check with your reservation.
Price listed includes the cost of your flight and lodging, not museum entrance, food, or ground transportation.
Yankee Air Museum reserves the right to cancel any excursion at any time and refund participants the full amount paid. Refunds will not be granted except for trips cancelled by Yankee Air Museum.
Contact **Neoma (313) 282-5312** or **Jack (313) 274-8655** (11AM-6PM) or e-mail **strattonmich@msn.com**.

Thursday	May	19	Oshkosh WI	Cargo pick-up / EAA Museum	$100
Tuesday	June	7	Dayton OH	National Museum of the USAF	$110
Tuesday	June	14	Oshkosh WI	EAA AirVenture Museum	$180
Tuesday	June	21	Dayton OH	National Museum of the USAF	$110
Saturday	June	25	Dayton OH	National Museum of the USAF	$110
Sunday	June	26	Dayton OH	National Museum of the USAF	$110
Tuesday	July	12	Elmira NY	Wings of Eagles Museum	$220
Tuesday	July	19	Dayton OH	National Museum of the USAF	$110
Tuesday	July	26	Mackinac Island MI	*You can take your golf clubs!*	$165
Tuesday	August	2	Dayton OH	National Museum of the USAF	$110
Tues/Wed *OVERNIGHT*	August	16-17	Washington DC	Udvar-Hazy Center + National Air & Space Museum	$500
Tuesday	August	23	Dayton OH	National Museum of the USAF	$110
Tuesday	August	30	Batavia OH	Tri-State Warbird Museum	$130
Tuesday	Sept	30	Mackinac Island MI	*Take your camera to catch the fall colors!*	$165
Tuesday	Sept	20	Dayton OH	National Museum of the USAF	$110

For more information about our destinations, check their websites!

EAA www.eaa.org **Basler** www.baslerturbo.com **Dayton** www.wpafb.af.mil/museum **Elmira** www.warplane.org
Mackinac Island www.mackinacisland.org **Dulles/DC** www.nasm.si.edu/museum/udvarhazy
Batavia www.tri-statewarbirdmuseum.org

PHOTO BY DAVE STONOSKI

Yankee Air Museum's Curator **Gayle Roberts** reporting on

LIFE IN THE LAB

As you know, since the fire our **Collections & Exhibits Department**, as well as our **Library** staff, have taken up residence in one of the four remaining Quartermaster buildings along A Street, 2033 A Street to be exact.

The **Yankee Air Museum Conservation Lab and Collection Triage Center** was established and equipped due to a very generous donation from the *Susan and Martha Seger Foundation*.

Up to this point, our primary function has been processing and cataloging the new collection materials we are receiving on an almost daily basis. I have been amazed at the number of donations and the quality of the artifacts and archival materials offered to us. Obviously, we cannot replace the collection that was lost overnight. We did possess several one-of-a-kind pieces, but the materials we are now acquiring are the beginning of what appears to be another extraordinary collection for the Yankee Air Museum.

If you know of anyone who has Ford Bomber Plant or homefront artifacts they would like to donate, we certainly will be thrilled to accept them.

A new database and tracking process has been created for artifacts (three-dimensional items) and archival materials (paper). All archival materials will be housed in our future library/research center. It has taken some time to coordinate this effort and it has been a major change in procedures for both staffs. I would like to thank our Library staff and the C&E staff listed here for their willingness and support of this change.

Yankee Air Museum Members
Lisa Korzetz
Sara Krein
Chris Causley
Barbara Shafer
Emily Shafer

Interns from
Eastern Michigan University &
Livonia Stevenson High School
Cassandra Nelson
Susan Obert
Michelle Perry
Cheryl Chidester
Mike Cox

Barbara Shafer has taken the database of phone-in donations and currently is contacting everyone from whom we have not yet received items and following up on arrangements for transfer to Yankee Air Museum. In this follow-up, we are able to determine what we will acquire and the care and storage needed for materials. Both are not only costly, but as we all know, storage space is at a premium.

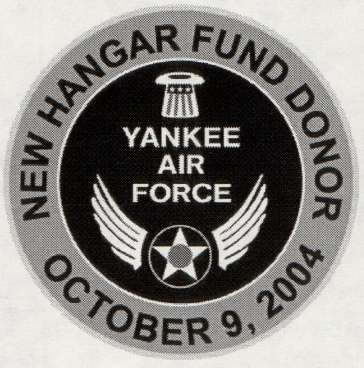
As we look toward warmer days and the approach of spring, the Artifact Recovery team anxiously awaits not only a change in weather but the opportunity to finally gain access to the burn site. Our plan is to spend about four to six weeks sifting through the remains to recover any collection materials that may have survived the fire. We know some heavy metal items still exist, how many we won't know until we actually start. There may have been other pieces of various materials that survived, but the winter hasn't helped their cause. Once removed from the site, the task of conserving them will begin. All artifact conservation will be conducted in the Lab, so please feel free to stop by and observe the transformation. I will be documenting the recovery and conservation efforts in their entirety, and will periodically write updates for all to follow.

If you haven't stopped by the Lab, please do so!

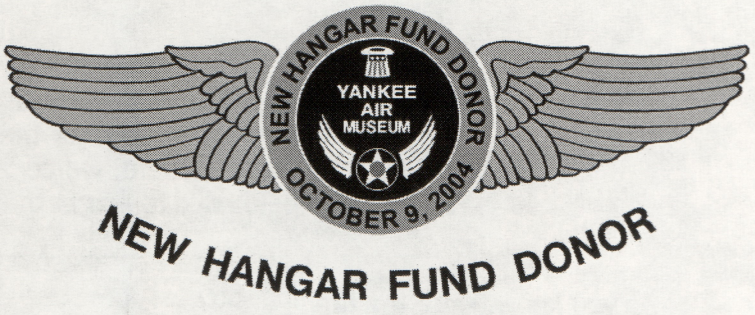
Next month: **Bob Campbell** reports on Yankee Air Museum's Department of **Security**

HONOR THE PAST BY HELPING TO BUILD OUR FUTURE

Order our new sweatshirt or jacket today! Profits go toward building a new hangar. Both items are black and feature embroidery designed exclusively for the *New Hangar Fund.* The embroidery is sewn on the front and back. Five bright colors are used. Silver, yellow, and red are the most prominent.



LEFT FRONT CHEST 4" DIA.



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The lightweight microfiber jacket is perfect to wear during spring or fall. It has two secured pockets on the outside and one on the inside. The cuffs have adjustable snaps. An elasticized waistband ensures a comfortable fit. Our heavyweight sweatshirt has long sleeves and a crew neck.

Jacket	**$139.00**	Michigan residents	**$147.34**
Sweatshirt	**$69.00**	Michigan residents	**$73.14**

CIRCLE the item you wish to order: **Lightweight Jacket** **Heavyweight Sweatshirt**

CIRCLE the size: **Men's Medium** **Men's Large** **Men's XL** **Men's 2XL**

Allow 3 to 4 weeks for free delivery. Use previous issues of *Hangar Happenin's* to order items we did not include in this ad. Call (248) 474-1000 or e-mail amersilk2@aol.com if you have questions about your order.

Make your check payable to the **YANKEE AIR MUSEUM**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Phone _____ **Best time to call** _____

Mail this order form to:

MAIL ORDER OFFER
YANKEE AIR MUSEUM STORE
P.O. BOX 590
BELLEVILLE, MI 48112-0590

THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN

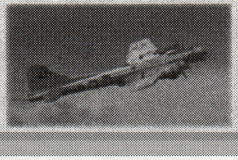
Sat Aug 6
Sun Aug 7
2005
Willow Run

Check often for updates at www.yankeeairmuseum.org

Advanced Tickets
$12 (16+)
$8 (7 - 16)

Gate Admission
$15 (16+)
$10 (7 - 16)
$0 (0 - 6)

Show Hours
Saturday 9am - 4pm
Sunday 9am - 4pm



Sat Aug 6 / Sun Aug 7 - The Main Event

Don't miss the largest gathering of heavy World War II bombers in the world!!
Held at Willow Run Airport (YIP) between Detroit and Ann Arbor in Belleville, Michigan, Yankee Air Museum's ***Thunder Over Michigan*** has been featured in *Air Classics* and *Warbirds International* magazines since 2001.
In its seventh year running, this is a show that's not to be missed.

VOLUNTEER ROUND-UP JUNE 25TH

Fri Aug 5 - Arrival Day Admission

Be one of the first to see some of this year's participating aircraft
as they land at Willow Run Airport in preparation for the weekend events commemorating the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II. ***Only $10 per person!***
No discounts, no advance purchases, no refunds, no exceptions.
ABSOLUTELY NO ADMITTANCE TO THE RAMP ON ARRIVAL DAY FRIDAY.

WORLD WAR II AVIATION SYMPOSIUM

AIR WAR OVER EUROPE

Saturday 6 August 2005
5:30 PM
$65 per person in advance

Featuring guest speakers:

Major General **Richard Bodycombe**
USAF (Ret.)
B-24 Pilot

John Clark
100th Bomb Group B-17 Pilot

Bob Shoens
100th Bomb Group B-17 Pilot

Alexander Jefferson
Tuskegee Airman P-51 Pilot

5th guest to be announced

THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN 2005

STAR ATTRACTIONS

B-17G Flying Fortress *Sentimental Journey*
B-17G Flying Fortress *Memphis Belle*
B-17G Flying Fortress *Fuddy Duddy*
B-17G Flying Fortress *Nine Oh Nine*
B-17G Flying Fortress *Thunderbird*
B-17G Flying Fortress *Liberty Belle*
B-17G Flying Fortress *Yankee Lady*

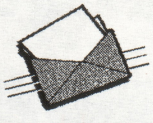
B-24A / Lib I *Diamond 'Lil'*
B-24J Liberator *Witchcraft*

B-25D Mitchell *Yankee Warrior*
B-25J Mitchell *Briefing Time*
B-25J Mitchell *Betty's Dream*
B-25J Mitchell *Axis Nightmare*
B-25J Mitchell *Buck U*

B-29A Superfortress *FIFI*

This year our symposium will be held in the ***MARLIN AIR*** hangar at Willow Run Airport. Due to the size of the facility, we are limited to 400 guests, designated seating, first sold, first seated. The sooner you purchase your tickets, the closer to the stage you will sit!

Send checks or money orders only to
YANKEE AIR MUSEUM
Attn: Mike Luther
PO Box 590
Belleville MI 48112-0590



Checks payable to
Yankee Air Museum/Symposium
$65 per person in advance
Please include a stamped envelope addressed for speedy return to you!

Our Silent Auction items filled many tables. The elegant dinner plate at right was used at the grand opening of the *Roostertail* Restaurant in Detroit.

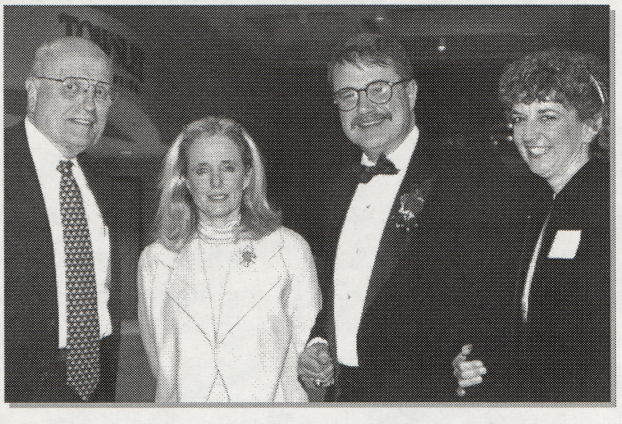
Photos by **DAVE STONOSKI** Text by **DAVE STEINER**

Our ♥ Go Out to Yankee

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

Saturday evening
February 19, 2005

Yankee Air Museum's
Vice President **Dick Stewart** and
Events Coordinator **Debbie Stewart**



United States
House of Representatives
Michigan 15th District
Congressman John Dingell
and wife Deborah Dingell
welcomed by
Yankee Air Museum's
President **Jon Stevens**
and **Julie Jarvis**

Thanks to all for making our 2005 auction a resounding success.

Our Hearts Go Out to Yankee Benefit Dinner-Dance-Auction was a great success*!*

Our heartfelt thanks go out to all those who donated and bid on items for our benefit auction held February 19th. The event was enjoyed by all in attendance, and nearly $20,000 was raised for Yankee Air Museum. The live auction total was over $12,000 and the silent auction brought in $5,000.

Auctioneer Steve Gross of *Premier Auction Services* (he and his "spotters" donated their services for the event) stopped the auction partway through to make a special appeal for cash contributions for the Yankee education and outreach program headed by **Bette Watson**. The response stunned Bette as over $3,000 was pledged and collected by night's end for purchase of a laptop computer and software to run flight simulations and replenish educational supplies lost in the fire. Educational efforts are an important part of the Yankee Air Museum mission. Many schools request visits by Bette and her crew.

Yankee members, individuals and area businesses were very generous with their contributions and bids. Event organizers **Debbie Stewart**, **Kathleen Hines**, and **Gayle Roberts** did an absolutely fabulous job and have even received many offers of donation items for our next auction. Plans are already being made to hold this event again in February 2006.

Stacey Allam on the runway

Steve Gross of *Premier Auction Services*

Sold*! $150!* 1940s vintage mink stole still in excellent condition from the original downtown *Hudson's,* one of many great items up for sale.

One great loss from the fire that hasn't been mentioned too much was our aviation library.

Over 3,500 books, also, probably the largest civilian collection of aircraft manuals, almost countless periodicals, and hundreds of original photographic prints from the Willow Run B-24 plant were turned to ash.

These silver print photographs were not only a record of part of what we're about — they were true artifacts from the World War II era.

DAVE STONOSKI

***Sam Sturgis** saves the day !*

All is not lost.

Our photographic archivist **Sam Sturgis** wisely kept in his possession over 350 original 4" x 5" negatives of these photos. He has begun to re-print these photos using the original silver print process.

Though this represents only a part of the lost collection, it should be enough to give future generations an excellent window into the bomber plant's history and into everyday life at the 3509th Army Air Force base at Willow Run during the World War II years.

On 1 September 1942, the US Army Air Forces accepted the first Ford-built B-24 from the Willow Run plant. By 28 February 1944, Ford Willow Run production averaged one completed B-24H model Liberator bomber aircraft every 100 minutes—24 hours a day, 7 days a week! On 18 April 1944, Ford Willow Run began producing B-24J models. On 29 June 1945, the last B-24N was delivered from the Ford Willow Run plant.

Photo shown above of the Ford Willow Run Bomber Plant assembly line in 1944 was first printed in LIFE Magazine and described as from "a secret location."

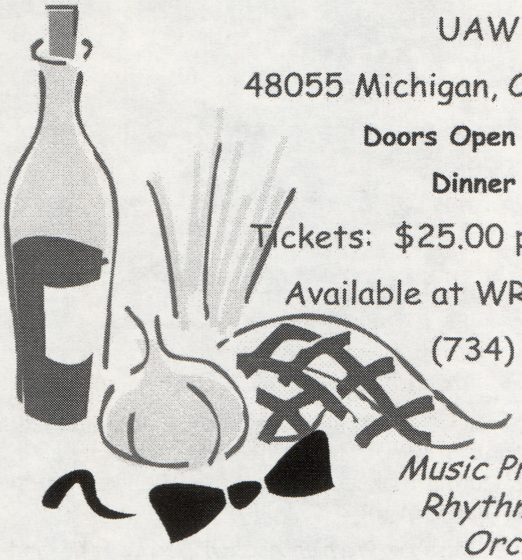
10 - 16 April 2005
National Library Week

Dave Stonoski
#5769 WR

"Spaghetti Dinner" *Get your tickets now !*

At the

"Italian Bistro Café"



Saturday, April 9, 2005

UAW Local 735

48055 Michigan, Canton, MI

Doors Open at 6:00 pm

Dinner at 7:00 pm

Tickets: $25.00 per person

Available at WR Hangar 2

(734) 483-4030

Music Provided by:
Rhythm Society
Orchestra

All proceeds go to the Yankee Air Museum Recovery Fund

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3)

The Hangar 2 Report **AS TIME GOES BY**

Fossett (who in 2002 was also the first man to circle the globe solo in a balloon) had finally accomplished the last great aviation hurdle.

As with anything in this life, there's very little that cannot be accomplished with enough money, time and effort expended. Still, it's good to know that there are a few brave souls left who are ready to take on major challenges, and build the teams necessary to accomplish them.

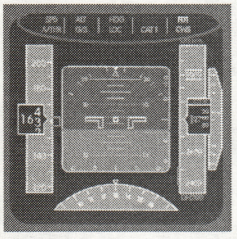
Jon Stevens

WANT SOMETHING TO DO ... BUT DON'T KNOW WHAT?
NEED SOMETHING DONE ... BUT DON'T KNOW WHO?

Don Brackett is our Volunteer Coordinator.
Contact Don to see how your unique talents and skills can be put to best use in helping Yankee Air Museum rebuild, grow and succeed!

donb-38@sbcglobal.net (248) 425-2855

ON THE HORIZON



AIR PARK
East side of Willow Run Airport
at Beck & Ecorse Roads

HANGAR
Southwest side of Willow Run Airport
in Hangar 2

www.yankeeairmuseum.org

APRIL 2005

Saturday April 2nd

9th ANNUAL **Polishing Party** 9AM PREVIOUSLY ***MEMBERS ONLY***... NOW **EVERYONE WELCOME**
HANGAR 2 on the southwest side of the airport. Door at the *ZANTOP* sign. EXCEPTION: ***PLEASE***
From the east use Tyler Road and follow the south airport perimeter road. **FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY**
From the west follow Old Rawsonville Road along the airport's south side. **NO PRE-TEEN CHILDREN!**
Bring clean soft cloth rags and a small can of *MOTHERS® MAG & ALUMINUM POLISH.*

Saturday April 2nd

Yankee Air Museum hosts a benefit folk & blues concert!
Bob Posch, Orthea Barnes, Ron Coden, Charlie Latimer and Josh White, Jr.
The Village Theater at Cherry Hill *in Canton, Michigan*
Located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road at Ridge Road North **EVERYONE WELCOME**
6 PM *Wine & Hors d'oeuvres Reception* ***7 PM*** *Concert*
TICKETS ***$50*** *CHARGE BY PHONE* ***(734) 394-5460***

All proceeds to our rebuilding campaign!

Sunday April 3rd

Bugles Across America Recite our Pledge and hear TAPS FREE
7:15 PM at the Veterans Memorial in Belleville **EVERYONE WELCOME**
on High Street overlooking Belleville Lake, next to *Belleville Grille* FIRST SUNDAY EACH MONTH

Saturday April 9th

Spaghetti Dinner at Yankee's *Italian Bistro Café* **EVERYONE WELCOME**
at *UAW Local 735* in Canton at 48055 Michigan Avenue **$25**
between Beck & Denton Roads on south side of Michigan Avenue 6:30 PM

Friday April 29th

All American Family Fun Fair at Silver Springs Elementary School FREE
in Northville, west of Haggerty Road between 7 & 8 Mile Roads **EVERYONE WELCOME**
Dick Bodycombe & **John** & **Marie Clark** autographing B-17 photos 6 - 9 PM
for donations and a chance to win a *Yankee Lady* flight! INFO: **David Wayne** (734) 394-2877

SPRING AHEAD !

Thursday May 19th

Gooney Air Cargo Special pre-season trip! **10 seats priced at *$100*** **MEMBERS ONLY**
Destination: Wittman Field in Oshkosh, Wisconsin **Call (313) 274-8655**
for C-47 parts pick-up from *Basler Aviation*

Monday May 30th

Memorial Day B-25 & C-47 in Dearborn Parade Fly-By 10 AM

(Fri-Sun June 3rd-5th)

Vietnam Veterans Touring Memorial *The Wall That Heals* **ALL WELCOME**

Saturday June 4th

Dinner-Symposium with Brig. Gen. Robin Olds USAF (Ret.) *ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY!* **$50**

Tuesday June 7th

Air Gooney: first C-47 day trip of 2005 to National Museum of USAF ***$110*** **MEMBERS ONLY**

Monday-Sunday July 25th-July 31st

NEW DAYS! *(Not Tuesday-Monday as years past)*
EAA *AirVenture* 2005, Oshkosh, Wisconsin **EAA MEMBERS ONLY**

August 6th-7th

Thunder Over Michigan
60th Anniversary of the End of World War II ADMISSION CHARGED

PLEASE PHONE FOR DETAILS **(734) 483-4030.** WATCH FOR UPDATES AT **www.yankeeairmuseum.org.**

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ECORSE AT BECK ROAD

Opening Ceremony
Friday June 3rd
6:00 PM
Honor Guard
F-16 Flyover
Veterans Remarks

Closing Ceremony
Sunday June 5th
6:00 PM
Honor Guard
Bagpiper
TAPS

Proceeds to benefit Yankee Air Museum

Contact us at (734) 483-4030

In remembrance of the 30th anniversary of the fall of Saigon
Dinner and Symposium: "To Those With Whom I Served"
Saturday June 4th
6:00 PM
Seating Limited to 250 — Advance Tickets Only — $50 each
featuring among our guest speakers
Brigadier General **Robin Olds** USAF (Ret.)
World War II & Vietnam Ace (4 MiGs) C/O 555 Tactical Fighter Wing

ROBIN OLDS

Photo by BILL CRUMP

Send payment to: YANKEE AIR MUSEUM - VIETNAM WALL - PO BOX 590 - BELLEVILLE MI 48112-0590
For updated information, please check our website: **www.yankeeairmuseum.org**

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